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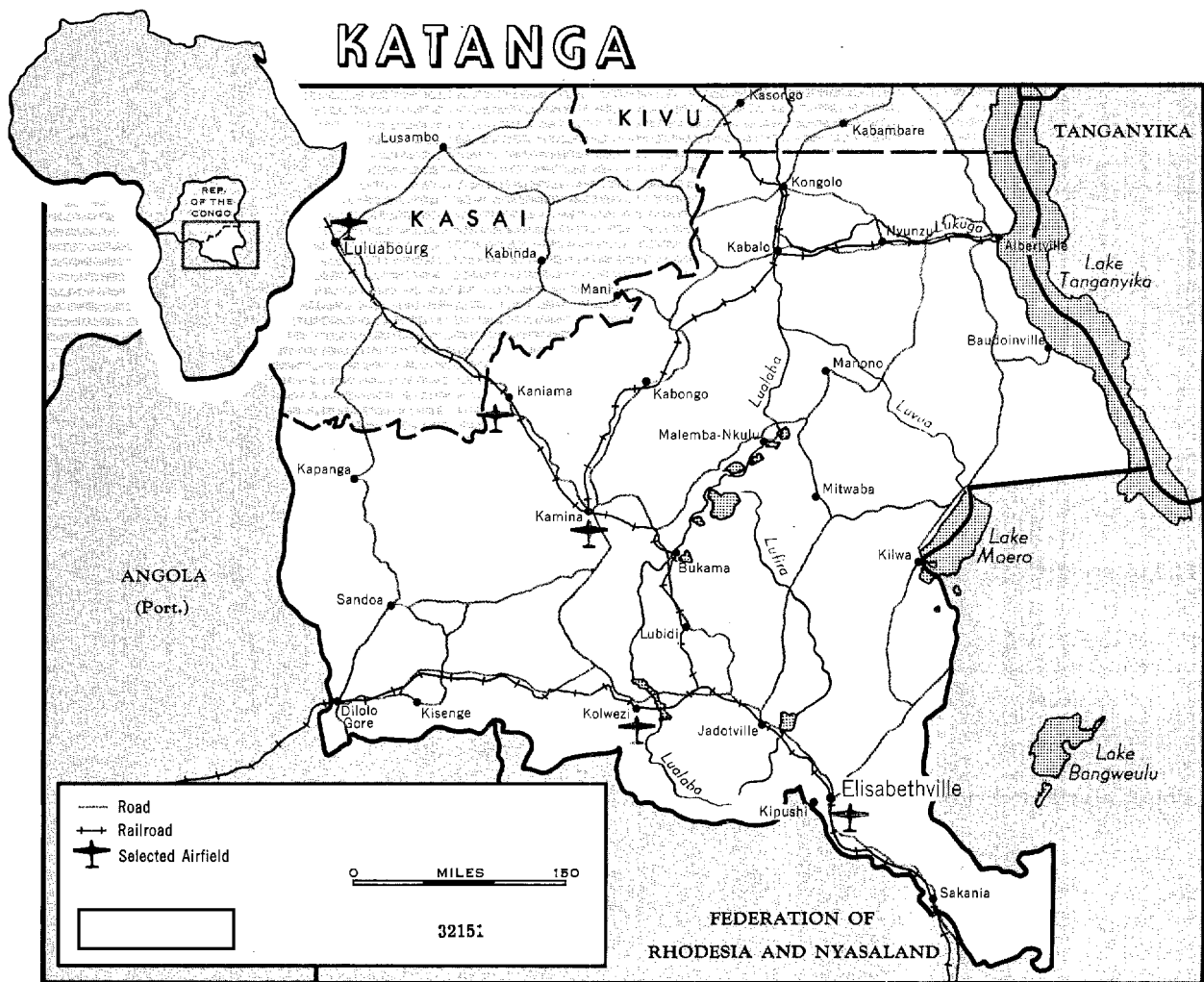
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*Congo: [The UN 9 January order placing Tshombé under house arrest is probably designed to minimize the chances of Katangan destruction of Kolwezi, and to bring about the peaceful entry into the town of UN forces.]

[Control of Kolwezi is the "trump" card Tshombé has been using to secure himself a significant position in a future Katangan government. With Tshombé in UN hands, Katangan forces are unlikely to destroy the Kolwezi installations.]

[The UN move may be preliminary to an attempt to remove Tshombé as Katangan provincial leader, an action which might lead to serious disorder and destruction in the province.]

[Another factor in the UN action may have been pressure from Leopoldville. Adoula has vigorously protested Tshombé's return to Elisabethville, and UN officials had a hard time keeping him from denouncing this move publicly.]

[UN forces are not yet equipped to take Kolwezi quickly because they lack bridging equipment, helicopters for rapid transit of troops, and adequately trained and equipped paratroops. They have been authorized

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Cuba: Castro continues his attempt to appear neutral in the Sino-Soviet dispute.

The full text of the strongly anti-Peiping Pravda editorial of 7 January was published by a Havana newspaper on 8 January. This may have been intended to balance the publication last month of Peiping's anti-Soviet statement of 15 December.

In his 2 January speech, Castro deplored "public discrepancies in the Socialist camp" and urged unity within the bloc and among "revolutionaries" in Cuba. At the present stage in the dispute, such an expression of neutrality would probably appear, in Soviet eyes, to be tantamount to a gesture of support for the Chinese.



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The Soviet passenger ship Baltika, which arrived in Havana on 6 January carrying Soviet agricultural experts and a cargo of Czech beer, according to press reports, left Cuba on 9 January with some 330 passengers. A press report says most of these were Soviet citizens, but there is no indication that any Soviet military personnel were aboard. The Baltika and two other Soviet passenger ships are scheduled for regular service between Cuba and Soviet Baltic ports.



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NOTE

Ghana: Another terrorist bomb explosion in Accra--this time on 8 January at a heavily guarded party rally to which Nkrumah had just delivered an unannounced address--will probably discourage the Ghanaian leader from making public appearances for some time. Nkrumah had been moving cautiously during the past month to re-establish contact with his people. [REDACTED]



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